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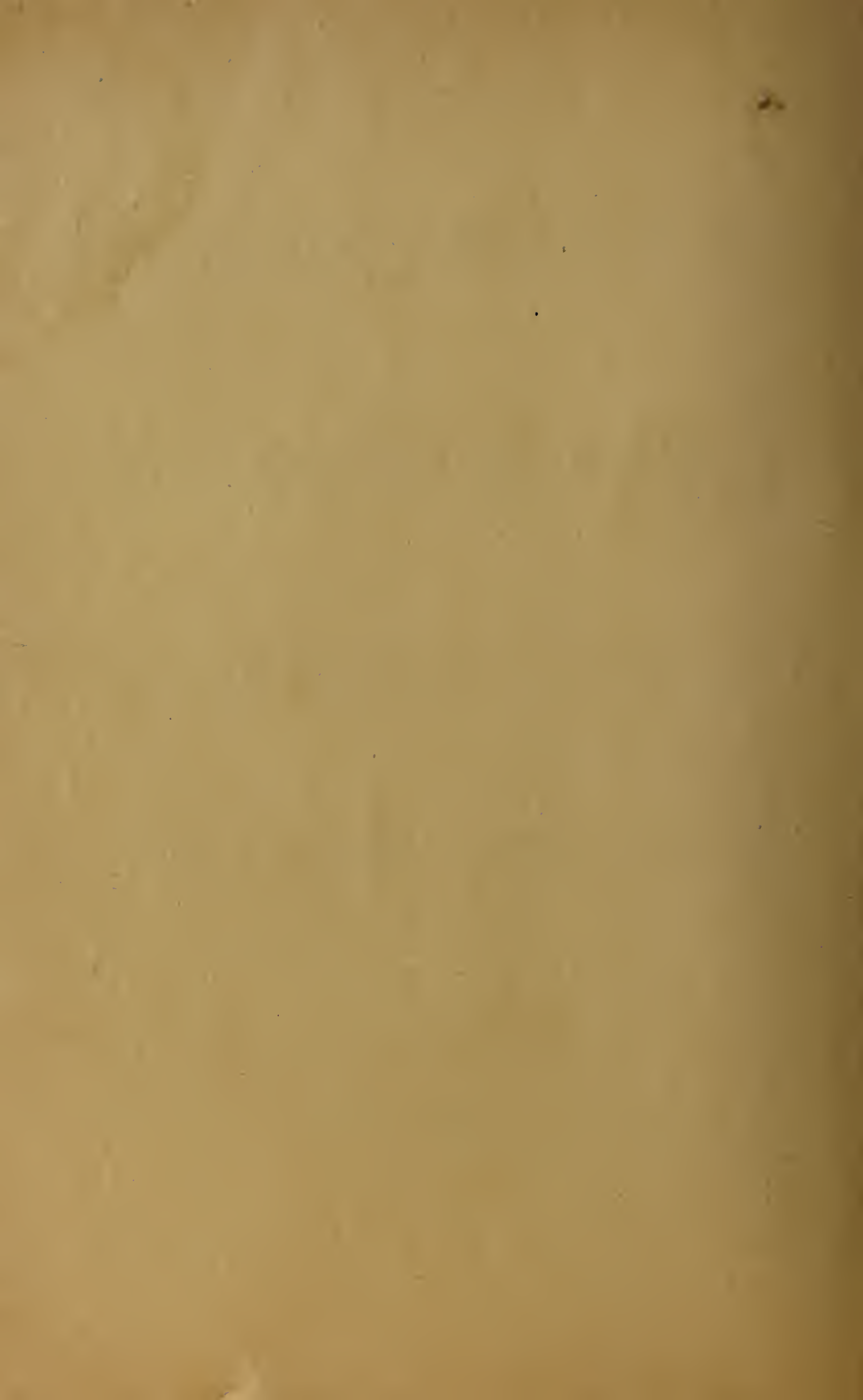
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TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1891.

Town Clerk,
JESSE ALLEN.

Selectmen,

C. H. PARKER,

D. R. DEAN,

L. N. HASKELL.

Assessors,

H. W. LINCOLN,

S. H. BULLARD,

E. N. HUNT.

Overseers of the Poor,

JESSE ALLEN,

H. P. AUSTIN,

W. M. ROBINSON.

Collector,

LEONARD P. LOVELL.

Treasurer,

STEPHEN M. SARGEANT.

Constables,

C. H. PARKER, H. P. AUSTIN, H. S. HOUGHTON, WM. C. BLISS,
E. H. DWELLY, C. A. GLEASON, WM. S. CRAWFORD.

Auditor,

FRANK S. CONANT.

Fence Viewers,

A. C. BULLARD,

L. N. HASKELL,

JESSE ALLEN.

Field Drivers.

MICHAEL GAFFNEY.

W. M. ROBINSON.

E. S. PARKER,

JASON A. ALLEN, HENRY D. BULLARD.

Surveyors of Lumber,

D. M. PARKER.

D. R. DEAN,

J. N. MORSE.

Measurers of Wood and Bark.

WM. S. CRAWFORD,

W. P. ADAMS.

D. M. PARKER.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

JAMES PACKARD.

School Committee,

JESSE ALLEN,

H. W. LINCOLN.

II. P. AUSTIN.

WORCESTER—SS :

To either of the Constables of the town of Oakham, in the County of Worcester,

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Oakham, qualified to vote in elections, and in town affairs, to meet at the town hall, known as "Memorial Hall," on Monday, the seventh day of March, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, to wit :

ART. 1.—To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2.—To hear the annual report of the several town officers, and to act thereon.

ART. 3.—To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 4.—To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations of the same.

ART. 5.—To see if the town will borrow money to meet any liabilities of the town, or pass any vote relative thereto.

ART. 6.—To see if the town will accept the list of jurors prepared by the selectmen.

ART. 7.—To determine the manner of collecting taxes the ensuing year.

ART. 8.—To see if the town will employ some person to take care of town hall and ring the church bell the ensuing year, or pass any vote relative thereto.

ART. 9.—To bring in their ballots "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question, "Shall license for the sale of intoxicating liquors be granted in this town?"

ART. 10.—To see what compensation the town will allow for men and teams in repairing highways and opening roads the ensuing year.

ART. 11.—To see if the town will abate any taxes that may be presented for abatement.

ART. 12.—To determine the manner of supporting paupers the ensuing year.

ART. 13.—To see if the town will provide for lighting the street lamps the ensuing year, or pass any vote relative thereto.

ART. 14.—To see if the town will vote to have their Valuation by the Assessors printed the year ensuing.

ART. 15.—To see if the town will accept of the Provisions of Chapter 347, Acts of 1890, entitled "An act to promote the establishment and efficiency of free public Libraries" and proceed to elect a board of library trustees and appropriate the money necessary to secure the gift of One Hundred dollars worth of books from the State," or pass any vote relative thereto.

ART. 16.—To see if the town will adopt the provisions of Chapter 264, Acts of 1890, entitled "An act relating to Public Cemeteries" or pass any vote relative thereto.

ART. 17.—To see if the town will discontinue a town way as laid out by the selectmen and accepted by vote of the town on the thirtieth day of August, 1888, commencing near a point in the old road leading from Oakham to Coldbrook, near the Station on the Central Mass. Railroad, opposite a hard pine tree, thence over said old road and land of Jason A. Allen, seventeen hundred feet to a point in said old road or do anything with reference thereto.

ART. 18.—To see if the town will cooperate with other towns in the care of the poor, or take any action thereon.

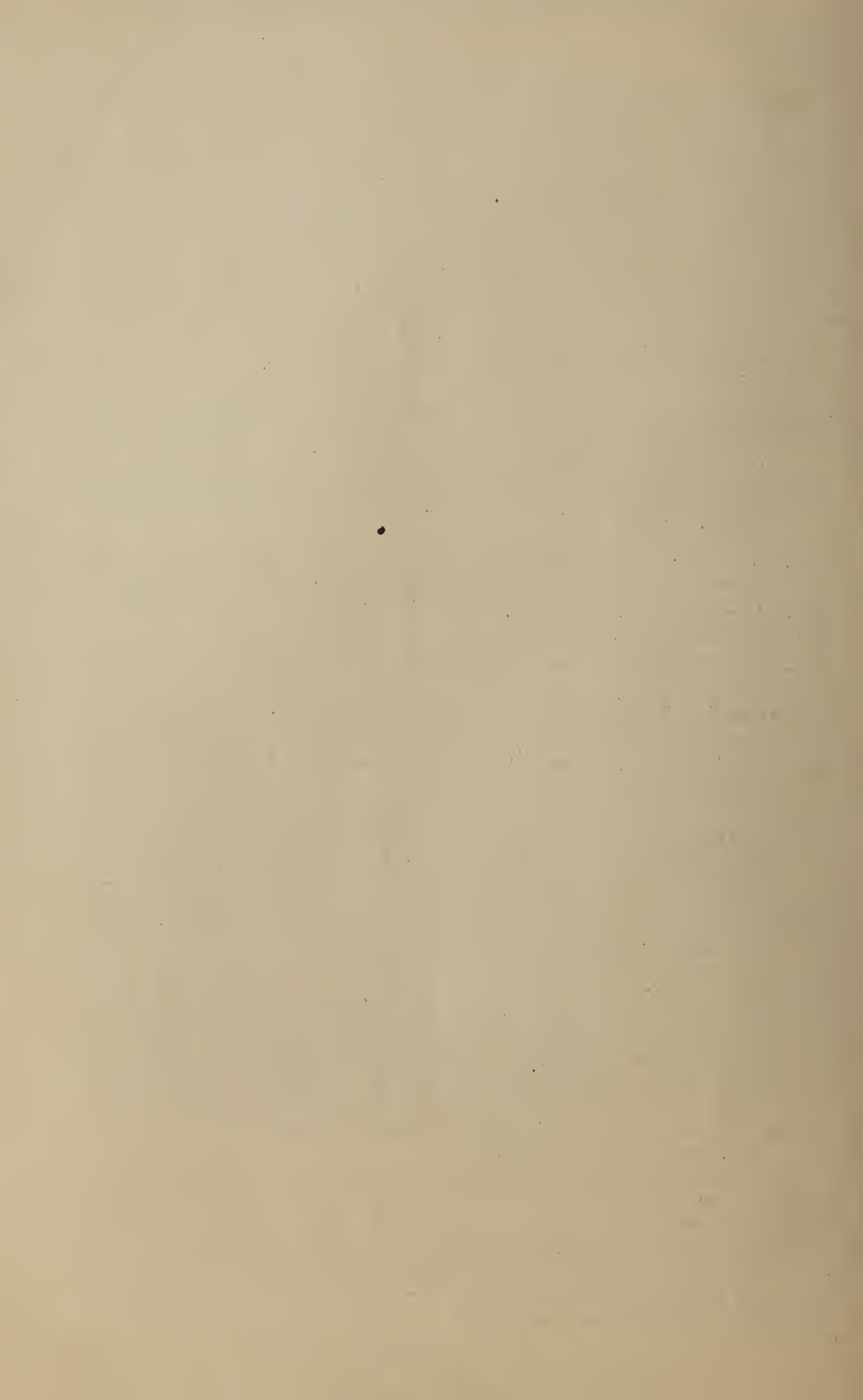
And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up three attested copies thereof, one at each of the Post-offices, and one at the Congregational Meeting-house in said town, seven days at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-fifth day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two.

CLARENCE H. PARKER,
DAVID R. DEAN,
LEWIS N. HASKILL,

Selectmen of Oakham



REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

We herewith submit in detail the Report for the year ending March 1st, 1892 :

TOWN CLERK.

Paid Town Clerk for services,	\$17 45	
postage and express,	6 43	\$23 88

COLLECTOR.

Paid Collector for services,	50 00	
tax book and blanks,	3 00	
stationery and postage,	6 14	59 14

TREASURER.

Paid Treasurer for services,	20 00	
postage and stationery,	1 55	
traveling and express,	2 50	24 05

SELECTMEN.

Paid Selectmen for services, C. H. Parker,	25 00	
D. R. Dean,	25 00	
L. N. Haskell,	25 00	
telephoning and telegraphing,	2 69	
postage and stationery,	1 46	79 15

ASSESSORS.

Paid Assessors for services, H. W. Lincoln,	40 00	
S. H. Bullard,	24 00	
E. N. Hunt,	14 00	78 00

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Paid School Committee for services, Jesse Allen,	37 75	
H. W. Lincoln,	20 00	
H. P. Austin,	10 00	67 75

SUPPORT OF PAUPERS.

Paid Overseers of Poor,	1,182 27	
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SCHOOL EXPENSES.

Paid for Centre Districts,	581 05	
Coldbrook “	298 09	
West “	212 75	
South “	223 00	
School Supplies,	245 04	
Repairs on School Houses,	19 43	
Carrying Scholars,	99 50	1,678 86

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

Paid W. A. Nye, for repairs on highways,	999 85	
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OPENING ROADS.

Paid L. N. Haskell,	200 00	
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STATE AID.

Paid Eliza Caldwell,	52 00	
Geo. E. Reed,	39 00	
H. M. Green,	15 00	
C. L. White,	9 00	115 00

MILITARY AID.

Paid Daniel Rogers,	72 00	
H. M. Green,	32 00	104 00

SOLDIER'S RELIEF.

Paid for relief of H. M. Green, as follows:

Dr. A. H. Prouty,	23 00	
Geo. N. Towle,	2 50	
James Packard, burial expenses,	24 00	
C. H. Parker, groceries,	23 62	
B. P. Clark, 3 mattresses, 4 pillows,	7 50	
C. H. Parker, 50 yards cotton \$3.06, 4 blankets		
\$4.80, 4 comforters \$5.06,	12 86	
H. M. Green, relief March 1891,	14 06	107 54

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid F. E. Emery, services as Detective,	9 92	
L. P. Lovell, abatement of taxes,	14 00	
Expense of Harwood case,	296 45	
Counsel fees,	6 00	
C. A. Gleason, ringing church bell,	35 00	
“ “ care Memorial Hall,	10 00	
Maynard, Gough & Co., printing,	25 75	
Principal on note to Commonwealth,	3500 00	
Interest “ “ “ “	240 00	
Principal on note Barre Savings Bank,	1000 00	
Interest “ “ “ “	16 25	
L. P. Lovell, dinners,	1 75	
E. Whitney, record book,	3 33	
Geo. H. Temple, Memorial Day,	15 00	
L. N. Haskell, wood town hall,	6 00	
W. S. Crawford, repairs on weights and measures.	2 00	
I. W. Mullet, printing,	22 00	
W. W. Grimes, repairs on pump and well,	19 42	
James Packard, repairs on bell frame,	9 91	
County Tax,	293 00	
State Tax,	255 00	
James Packard, services as sexton,	19 75	
L. P. Lovell, discount on taxes,	208 99	
S. M. Sargeant, lighting street lamps,	25 00	
Coldbrook V. I. S. “ “ “	25 00	

H. H. Cook, printing,	3 00	
James Packard, shingles and repairs on Hears house,	6 00	6068 52

RECAPITULATION.

Paid Town Officers,	331 97	
Support of Paupers,	1182 27	
Schools,	1678 86	
Highways,	999 85	
Opening Roads,	200 00	
State Aid,	115 00	
Military Aid,	104 00	
Soldier Relief,	107 54	
Miscellaneous Expenses,	6068 52	10,788 01

SETTLEMENT WITH THE TREASURER.

S. M. SARGEANT, Treasurer.

Dr.

To Balance in Treasury March 1, 1891,	3257 50	
Cash from Temporary Support State Paupers,	6 58	
“ Overseers Poor of Spencer,	22 30	
“ “ “ “ Barre,	34 50	
Cash borrowed Barre Savings Bank,	1000 00	
“ from L. P. Lovell Interest on Tax 1889,	31 00	
“ Corporation Tax,	8 13	
“ National Bank Tax,	8 73	
“ State Aid,	154 00	
“ Dog Fund,	150 38	
“ Interest on Special Deposit,	26 19	
“ Borrowed of Commonwealth,	1500 00	
“ Sale School Supplies,	3 03	
“ School Fund,	275 00	
“ Town Barre,	40 73	
“ Town Athol,	17 00	
“ Town Tax,	5490 00	
“ State Tax,	255 00	
“ County Tax,	293 00	
“ Overlayings,	117 42	12,690 49

Cr.

By paying Selectmen's orders,	10,788 01	
Uncollected taxes, 1891, due from L. P. Lovell,	1526 69	
“ “ 1890, “ “ “ “	62 92	
Cash,	312 87	12,690 49

INDEBTEDNESS OF THE TOWN.

Due Commonwealth, Oct. 12, 1892, note at 4 per cent,	1500 00	
“ Dec. 26, 1893, “	1000 00	
“ Dec. 31, 1894, “	1500 00	4000 00

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

Dr.

To State Tax,	255	00	
- County Tax,	293	00	
Town Tax,	5490	78	
Overlayings,	117	42	
Uncollected taxes for 1890,	62	92	6,219 12

Cr.

By Treasurer's receipts,	4629	51	
Uncollected taxes for 1891,	1526	69	
" " " 1890,	62	92	6219 12

L. P. LOVELL, Collector.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE H. PARKER, } Selectmen
 DAVID R. DEAN, } of
 LEWIS N. HASKELL. } Oakham.

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NAMES OF PERSONS SELECTED BY THE SELECTMEN TO SERVE  
 AS JURORS FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

E. L. Parker,    Jesse Allen,    Walter R. Dean,    James F. Robinson,  
 W. M. Robinson, James Sheern, M. O. Ayres, Geo. W. Stone,  
                   Wm. S. Crawford,            Elbridge Mullett.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1ST, 1892.

|                 |     |    |
|-----------------|-----|----|
| Paid W. A. Nye, | 428 | 00 |
| L. P. Green,    | 94  | 23 |
| E. Green,       | 136 | 20 |
| Frank Weld,     | 6   | 03 |
| J. E. Stone,    | 1   | 75 |
| A. B. Spooner,  | 24  | 34 |
| E. Mullet,      | 39  | 94 |
| Wm. Crawford,   | 7   | 03 |
| Job Simmons,    | 5   | 17 |
| James Woodis,   | 3   | 85 |
| George Reed,    | 25  | 99 |

|                       |       |
|-----------------------|-------|
| Clarence Dean.        | 9 79  |
| W. M. Robinson,       | 8 59  |
| Otis Keep,            | 15 83 |
| L. N. Haskell,        | 21 50 |
| H. P. Austin.         | 9 57  |
| Mrs. A. Maynard.      | 10 07 |
| Patrick McGrevey,     | 10 15 |
| T. N. Fobes,          | 1 40  |
| Edwin Hunt,           | 1 75  |
| P. B. Woodis.         | 88    |
| Michael Gaffney,      | 54 30 |
| James Butler,         | 3 50  |
| H. W. Lincoln,        | 6 00  |
| James Sheern,         | 5 78  |
| C. H. Parker.         | 8 67  |
| D. M. Parker,         | 10 36 |
| D. R. Dean,           | 11 50 |
| Geo. E. Allen.        | 11 40 |
| Frank Brown, express. | 1 87  |
| A. Loring.            | 3 50  |
| Wm. Gaines.           | 2 10  |
| D. H. Nye.            | 18 81 |

Respectfully Submitted.

\$999 85

WILLIAM A. NYE, Street Superintendent.

#### OPENING ROADS.

|                     |       |        |
|---------------------|-------|--------|
| Paid W. A. Nye.     | 12 70 |        |
| Michael Gaffney,    | 27 81 |        |
| John Gaffney,       | 5 88  |        |
| H. W. Lincoln,      | 16 81 |        |
| Elbridge Mullet.    | 6 70  |        |
| H. A. Crawford.     | 15 13 |        |
| George W. Stone,    | 4 67  |        |
| Patrick Gaffney,    | 8 25  |        |
| W. M. Robinson,     | 5 00  |        |
| Henry Bartlett,     | 9 70  |        |
| S. J. Foster,       | 2 27  |        |
| J. E. Stone.        | 7 96  |        |
| Wm. O. Keep,        | 17 90 |        |
| Joseph Elix.        | 9 27  |        |
| E. H. Dwelly,       | 7 59  |        |
| M. M. Butterfield.  | 13 00 |        |
| J. E. Stone,        | 7 31  |        |
| Mrs. C. M. Maynard, | 3 75  |        |
| Patrick McGrevey,   | 4 50  |        |
| L. N. Haskell,      | 13 80 | 200 00 |

Respectfully Submitted,

L. N. HASKELL, Street Superintendent for year ending April, 1, 1891.

# REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

OF THE TOWN OF OAKHAM FOR THE YEAR ENDING JAN. 1ST, 1892.

Received of the Town for support of the poor, \$1,182 27

WHICH WE ACCOUNT FOR AS FOLLOWS:

|                                                   |        |           |
|---------------------------------------------------|--------|-----------|
| Paid State Lunatic Hospital for Eunice M. Walker, | 169 46 |           |
| Wm. Mandall for Almira Woodis,                    | 104 00 |           |
| Peter Gagnon for Mrs. John King,                  | 52 00  |           |
| Shedd Brothers for Lydia Chamberlain,             | 90 15  |           |
| L. S. Starrett for Mrs. L. B. Field,              | 78 00  |           |
| Charles A. Gleason for James Babbitt,             | 185 50 |           |
| S. O. Butler for Moses Bartlett,                  | 96 75  |           |
| Dr. Brown Med. att. " " "                         | 3 45   | 100 20    |
| Geo. Thresher for Lucy Robinson,                  | 104 00 |           |
| Dr. Brown Med. att. " " "                         | 5 00   | 109 00    |
| Aid furnished family of Lemuel Robinson,          | 13 73  |           |
| Dr. Brown Med. att. " " " " "                     | 27 00  | 40 73     |
| " " " " " " Charles White,                        |        | 34 50     |
| Aid furnished family of Napoleon Porter,          |        | 10 08     |
| James Packard, burial of Elmer Wood,              | 3 00   |           |
| Town of Athol, family " " "                       | 98 03  | 101 03    |
| Dr. Brown Med. att. on family of John E. Stone,   |        | 12 85     |
| " " " " " " " " Horace M. Green,                  |        | 8 00      |
| J. W. Bemis, keeping 57 tramps,                   |        | 42 75     |
| F. S. Conant, (sundries),                         |        | 65        |
| C. H. Parker, " "                                 |        | 1 93      |
| N. W. Packard, " "                                |        | 5 44      |
| Jesse Allen, ex. service, postage, etc.,          |        | 6 00      |
| Overseers' ordinary service,                      |        | 30 00     |
|                                                   |        | \$1182 27 |

Amounts re-imbursed to the Town.

|                         |         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|---------|
| From the town of Barre, | \$75 23 |         |
| " " " " Athol,          | 17 00   |         |
| " " State,              | 6 00    | \$98 81 |

Amount of Pauper Expenses above amount re-imbursed to the town, 1,083 46

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN.

HENRY P. AUSTIN,

WALTER M. ROBINSON,

Overseers of Poor.

This is to certify that I have examined and found correct, the accounts of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor and Treasurer of the Town of Oakham for the year ending March 1st, 1892.

F. S. CONANT, Auditor.



# BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS IN OAKHAM IN 1891.

## BIRTHS.

|          |   |   |   |                                      |
|----------|---|---|---|--------------------------------------|
| Apr. 6   | - | - | - | Son to James W. Bemis.               |
| June 17. | - | - | - | Daughter to Adolph White.            |
| July 11. | - | - | - | Daughter to George E. Thresher.      |
| July 15. | - | - | - | Daughter (adopted) to Lewis P. Green |
| Aug. 8,  | - | - | - | Daughter to George Allard.           |
| Aug. 13, | - | - | - | Daughter to Patrick McGrevey.        |
| Nov. 27, | - | - | - | Son to Edward H. Dwelly.             |

Total 7.

## MARRIAGES.

|          |   |   |                                                 |
|----------|---|---|-------------------------------------------------|
| July 2,  | - | - | John Fenton to Anna Brook.                      |
| July 26, | - | - | Levi Newton to Mrs. Estella J. Babcock.         |
| Oct. 6,  | - | - | Charles F. Waterhouse to Mrs. Mary A. Sargeant. |

Total 3.

## DEATHS.

|          |   |                      | YEARS. | MONTHS. | DAYS. |
|----------|---|----------------------|--------|---------|-------|
| Feb. 4.  | - | Adeline W. Knight,   | 88     | 0       | 12    |
| Feb. 14, | - | Charles Chamberlain, | 36     | 9       | 9     |
| Feb. 16, | - | Lemuel M. Robinson,  | 64     |         |       |
| Mar. 22, | - | Emma Robinson,       | 59     | 10      | 8     |
| May 10,  | - | Harriet S. Conant,   | 74     |         |       |
| May 24,  | - | Maggie E. White,     | 13     | 0       | 26    |
| May 30,  | - | Herman Haire,        | 69     | 4       | 20    |
| June 8,  | - | Betsey Pratt,        | 76     | 6       |       |
| Oct. 2,  | - | James Babbitt,       | 76     |         |       |
| Dec. 1,  | - | Bridget Moran,       | 29     |         |       |
| Dec. 15, | - | Emma F. Dwelly,      | 29     | 7       | 8     |

Total 11.

## BURIED IN TOWN.

|          |   |                     |    |   |    |
|----------|---|---------------------|----|---|----|
| June 15, | - | Adin Bullard,       | 88 |   |    |
| Dec. 8,  | - | Asa A. Dean,        | 73 | 9 | 29 |
| Dec. 27, | - | W. Mellen Thompson, | 65 | 3 | 20 |

JESSE ALLEN, TOWN CLERK.

# SCHOOL REPORT.

The Report of the School Committee of the Town of Oakham for the year ending March 1st, 1892, is as follows:

## Dr.

|                                                           |           |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| To amount appropriated for Schools by Town,               | \$850 00  |
| "          "          " school house repairs by the Town, | 75 00     |
| Received from State school fund,                          | 275 00    |
| "          " Dog tax refunded,                            | 150 38    |
| " Cash for school supplies,                               | 3 03      |
|                                                           | <hr/>     |
|                                                           | \$1353 41 |

## Cr.

By expenses for the several schools, as follows:

### CENTRE SCHOOL—GRAMMER.

|                                                     |          |
|-----------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Amount paid Miss Florence I. Sargeant, spring term, | 90 00    |
| "          " Maria L. Lincoln, fall term,           | 90 00    |
| "          "          "          " winter term,     | 90 00    |
|                                                     | <hr/>    |
|                                                     | \$270 00 |

### CENTRE SCHOOL—PRIMARY.

|                                              |        |
|----------------------------------------------|--------|
| Amount paid Miss Ada V. Walker, spring term, | 70 00  |
| "          " Lelia F. Adams, fall term,      | 70 00  |
| "          "          " winter term,         | 70 00  |
|                                              | <hr/>  |
|                                              | 210 00 |
| "          " Fuel and care of School rooms,  | 84 05  |

### COLDBROOK SCHOOL.

|                                               |        |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------|
| Amount paid Miss Lelia F. Adams, spring term, | 86 40  |
| "          " Lillian M. Thayer, fall term,    | 80 00  |
| "          "          " winter term,          | 80 00  |
| "          " Fuel and care of house,          | 8 70   |
|                                               | <hr/>  |
|                                               | 255 10 |

### WEST SCHOOL.

|                                              |        |
|----------------------------------------------|--------|
| Amount paid Miss S. L. Johnson, spring term, | 60 00  |
| "          "          " fall term,           | 65 00  |
| "          "          " winter term,         | 65 00  |
| "          " Fuel and care of house,         | 35 75  |
|                                              | <hr/>  |
|                                              | 225 75 |

## SOUTH SCHOOL.

|                                                  |        |
|--------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Amount paid Mrs. Lillian E. Parker, spring term, | 71 50  |
| “ “ “ “ “ fall term,                             | 65 00  |
| “ “ “ “ “ winter term,                           | 70 00  |
| “ “ Fuel and care of house,                      | 16 50  |
|                                                  | <hr/>  |
|                                                  | 223 00 |

## CONVEYANCE OF SCHOLARS.

|                                |       |
|--------------------------------|-------|
| Spring term, paid Bessie Weld, | 12 50 |
| “ “ “ Edgar O. Crawford,       | 12 50 |
| “ “ “ George E. Thrasher,      | 9 25  |
| Fall “ “ E. O. Crawford,       | 27 50 |
| “ “ “ Sarah E. Butler,         | 10 25 |
| Winter “ “ E. O. Crawford,     | 27 50 |
|                                | <hr/> |
|                                | 99 50 |

## SCHOOL HOUSE REPAIRS.

|                                                           |       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Paid Rogene F. Parker, repairs on Coldbrook school house, | 42 99 |
| Wm. S. Crawford “ on Centre and West school houses,       | 19 43 |
|                                                           | <hr/> |
|                                                           | 62 42 |

Total expense of teachers, care and repair of houses and fuel. \$1330 32

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

|                                                   |        |
|---------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Value of school supplies on hand March 1st, 1892, | 145 73 |
| “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ 1891,                             | 198 15 |
| Paid for school supplies during year,             | 186 66 |
| “ care of “ to F. S. Conant,                      | 10 00  |
|                                                   | <hr/>  |
|                                                   | 196 66 |

Greenleaf's Complete Arithmetic has been adopted for the use of our Schools.

The attendance in the several schools has been as follows:

## CENTRE SCHOOL—GRAMMER.

|                                        |    |                     |    |
|----------------------------------------|----|---------------------|----|
| Spring term, whole number of scholars, | 20 | Average attendance, | 15 |
| Fall “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “                   | 22 | “ “                 | 15 |
| Winter “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “                 | 23 | “ “                 | 18 |

## CENTRE SCHOOL—PRIMARY.

|                                        |    |                     |    |
|----------------------------------------|----|---------------------|----|
| Spring term, whole number of scholars, | 37 | Average attendance, | 32 |
| Fall “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “                   | 38 | “ “                 | 29 |
| Winter “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “                 | 29 | “ “                 | 24 |







